
How to Request and Get Those Exclusive Flying Training Quotas

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The new SAF/IA Chief of International Training and Education explains the process for requesting and allocating flying slots.

The board is comprised of the Division Chief and/or Deputy from all Deputy Under Secretary of the Air Force for International Affairs (SAF/IA) Regional Divisions, AF/A3OT, AF/CC Political Advisor, AF/A30X, subject matter experts, AFSAT/TO, and is chaired by an O-6. The board publishes a report listing primary allocations and a list of alternate countries that is forwarded to the combatant commanders (COCOMS) in March for their review/concurrence. In May, AFSAT is provided the board results, and the country managers will then contact the countries selected to receive the primary slots. Countries need to accept or decline allocations not later than July.

All short notice requests during the year of execution (current year) need to be sent to AFSAT/DOT (and information sent to SAF/IAPT). AFSAT/DOT is the point of contact for fulfilling all flight training requests and requirements. Do not send your requests directly to the schoolhouses, AF/A3OT, AETC/DOR or the FTU Squadrons. Requests must be worked by AFSAT IAW the priorities approved and established by the board.

I look forward to working with you in the future. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please contact my office at: SAF/IAPT, phone (703) 588-8929 or DSN 425.

Flight Training Requirements Currently Exceed Available Allocations

With more of our coalition partners working side-by-side with us worldwide to support the Global War on Terror. It is essential to ensure their flight training requirements are accurately forecasted during the data call for incorporation in the Programmed Flight Training (PFT) process. The PFT conference is held annually (late November/early December time frame) at Randolph Air Force Base, Texas. This conference is the decision-maker on how many training slots will be allocated to the U.S. Air Force, Air National guard, Air Force Reserve, and the international community. It also reflects the shortages for all flight training requests. An accurate accounting of your country's requests is critical to our ability to successfully advocate for international training within the Air Force corporate process.

The process for capturing your country's requirements begins when AF/A3, through AFSAT, sends out a data call message in the February time frame. The data call is for training requests through the FYDP and is due at the end of March. The first three years of requirements submitted are most important. It is essential that all countries provide AFSAT their requirements when the call goes out. AFSAT also needs to know if your country does not require flight training. Provide them with a negative input. The requirements need to be as accurate as possible. Anticipated sales and new sales and their associated flight training requests should be included in the out years.

Your requirements, plus the results of the PFT conference, (i.e., how many allocations the international community received), are the documents used when the SAF/IA flight training board is conducted annually. All airframes with more requirements than allocations are boarded. This year a new policy was instituted for boarding. Instead of boarding for a one year period, the board will make recommendations for a two year period. This will allow countries that require up to one

year of English language training prior to starting flight training to program and schedule all courses effectively. This year's board will be held February 2007 for fiscal year 2008 and fiscal year 2009 allocations.